

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2021-28

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued November 19, 2020)

To clarify the United States Postal Service Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, filed November 16, 2020,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses are due no later than November 30, 2020.

1. The Postal Service states “[f]or Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, Parcel Return Service, USPS Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service customers, a \$100 Fee will be assessed on parcels found in the mailstream that exceed the maximum mailable size limit (combined length and girth greater than 130 inches).” Notice at 2.
 - a. What percentage of total Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, Parcel Return Service, USPS Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service volume are estimated to be charged the \$100 Fee?
 - b. What percentages of parcels that exceed the maximum mailable size limit are estimated to be commercial parcels and retail parcels?
 - c. Please describe the process for determining whether a parcel should be charged the \$100 Fee.

¹ USPS Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 16, 2020 (Notice).

- d. Please describe the process for the collection of the \$100 Fee once a parcel has been determined as exceeding the maximum mailable size limit.
 - e. Please provide an estimate of revenue loss and total costs caused by instances of parcels that exceed the maximum mailable size limit, occurrences of lower postage assessments and manual processes in FY 2019.
 - f. Please provide an estimate of projected revenue and cost savings due to the introduction of the \$100 Fee.
2. In similar filings in previous years, the Postal Service has provided amongst the supporting workpapers the Excel file “PS Summary Calc.xlsx”. See, e.g., Docket No. CP2020-5, United States Postal Service Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, October 9, 2019 (Docket No. CP2020-5 Notice). Please provide an updated version of that Excel file or else explain why it is not relevant to the financial analysis of this docket.
3. In similar filings in previous years, the Postal Service has set the minimum charge per list for Address Enhancement Services (AES) at 1000 times the per-record price. See, e.g., Docket No. CP2020-5 Notice, Attachment to Governors’ Decision 19-3, § 2605. In the instant filing, the Postal Service has proposed a minimum charge per list for AES at approximately 965.5 times the proposed per-record price. Notice, Attachment to Governors’ Decision 20-5, § 2605. Please confirm that the prices listed for AES in the Attachment to Governors’ Decision 20-5 are accurate. If not confirmed, please indicate the correct proposed per-record price and minimum charge per list.

By the Chairman.

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